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SUBJECT: DENKTASH REMARKS TO FRG CHARGE

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1. FRG CHARGE KURBJUHN CALLED ON DENKTASH JANUARY 28 TO CONVEY
A ROUTINE COMMUNICATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. KURBJUHN DESCRIBES
DENKTASH AS APPEARING WORRIED AND NEGATIVE ABOUT HIS MEETING
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WITH MAKARIOS THE PREVIOUS DAY. KURBJUHN'S INTERPREATION OF
DENKTASH'S REMARKS WAS THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER IS
ACTING UNDER PRESSURE FROM ANKARA WHICH HE DISAPPROVES
AND CANNOT DEFLECT.

2. IN A MOST UNUSUAL ACTION, DENKTASH GAVE KURBJUHN AND
HIMSELF PAPER AND PENCIL AND SAID BOTH SHOULD TAKE DOWN HIS

DICTATION AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE A. HOW AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS THE TWO COMMUNITIES WILL LIVE IN PEACE SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO WORK OUT. THE ARCHBISHOP WILL NOT BE REASONABLE AS LONG AS HE GETS THE ATTENTION OF BIG POWERS. HE IS TRYING TO PROVOKE THE RUSSIANS TO MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE HOPE OF KEEPING THE PROBLEM GOING AS AN INTERNATIONAL "HOT POT" AND THE INTEREST OF THE WEST WILL DRAW THE INTEREST OF THE EAST, WITH THE RESULT THAT IN THE END WE SHALL ALL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT THE RUSSIAN FORMULA OF A CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS, AND AT THIS CONFERENCE RUSSIAN WEIGHT WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL.

B. IF MAKARIOS CAN PROVOKE THE WEST TO PRODUCE MORE AND MORE RECEIPTS IN HIS FAVOUR, THEN HE WILL PLAY THIS GAME FOR A LONG TIME. KISSINGER PLAN AND THE EEC PLAN HAVE DANGEROUS ELEMENTS IN THEM FOR OUR SECURITY.

C. TALKS WITH MAKARIOS WERE CONDUCTED IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. MAKARIOS DOES NOT LIKE TO BE REMINDED OF THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS AND HE TRIES TO AVOID THE BLAME FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED. HE AIMS AT WHAT HE CALLS A "SINGLE GOVERNMENT" AND ACCEPTS WHAT HE CALLS "TWO ADMINISTRATIONS", A GREEK AND A TURKISH ADMINISTRATION. I AM SURE THAT HE IS STILL AFTER CREATING A GREEK CYPRIOT MAJORITY RULE IN A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND AIMS AT REESTABLISHING A CYPRUS IN WHICH GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BE ABLE TO OVERPOWER THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ALL OVER CYPRUS AND IN ALL FIELDS. HE REJECTS THE IDEA THAT SECURITY REASONS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN CYPRUS FOR A LONG TIME. HE WANTS
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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE ANYWHERE WITHOUT HINDRANCE AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

D. WE WANT A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO ESTABLISH IT, DUE TO SECURITY REASONS AND THE VENDETTAS WHICH WILL EXIST. FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE NECESSITATED OUR INSISTING FOR BI-ZONAL FEDERATION. IN OTHER WORDS WE CANNOT ENVISAGE A CYPRUS WHERE ONE OF THE ZONES WILL BE CALLED "TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE", BUT THE POPULATION WILL BE MIXED SO THAT WE HAVE POLITICAL FRICTIONS AND POLITICAL MURDERS ON OUR HANDS. PROPERTY RIGHTS HAVE TO BE READJUSTED BY WAY OF EXCHANGE, SALE OR COMPENSATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRINCIPLES APPERTAINING TO SETTLEMENT AND BI-ZONALITY.

E. A SINGLE STATE TO US MEANS AN AGREED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON TERMS OF POLITICAL EQUALITY OF TWO CO-PARTNER COMMUNITIES.

RULE BY CONSENT MUST BE THE BASIC FOUNDATION IN THIS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY MUST NOT BE HINDERED. THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION MUST BE EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF CRITERIA ALREADY GIVEN TO MR. CLERIDES AT THE VIENNA TALKS. OUR LAND OWNERSHIP IS 32.8 PERCENT AND WITHIN THESE CRITERIA WE ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE OUR LAND BUT NOT ON PERCENTAGES. BOTH SIDES SHOULD PRODUCE ADEQUATE MAPS AT THE SAME TIME FOR COMPARISON AND BARGAINING. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: FOREOGING CONTAINS DENKTASH'S CORE SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS REFLECTED, IN MUCH Milder FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSUMPTION, IN HIS INTERVIEW REFTel.
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